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PRESS RELEASE

Japanese Government Funds Project for Improving Resilience against Disasters in Vulnerable Communities and Schools, Suriname

The completion ceremony for the Grant Assistance for the Grass-roots Human Security Project (GGP) entitled the “Project for Improving Resilience against Disasters in Vulnerable Communities and Schools” took place at 2:00 p.m. on March 21, 2016, at the Suriname Red Cross Society, Grevenberchstraat 2-6, Paramaribo. The Suriname Red Cross Society received a grant of up to US\$37,147 from the Government of Japan for training and development schemes tailored towards disaster preparedness within communities and schools.

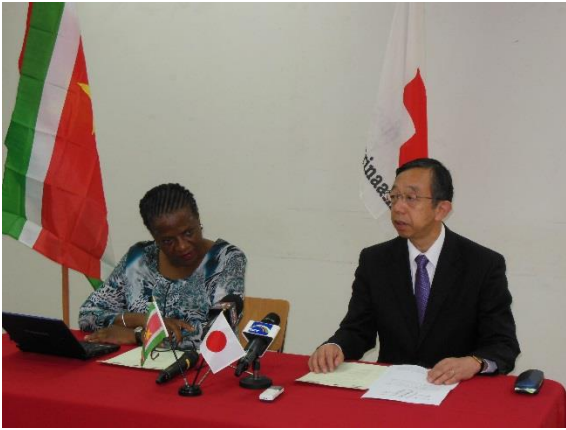
The ceremony was attended by Mr. Masatoshi Sato, Minister Counsellor & Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Japan, and Mrs. Marja Naarendorp, President, Suriname Red Cross Society. Also in attendance were, Mr. Hugo Bromet, Honorary Consul-General of Japan, along with representatives from the Ministry of Health, Drs. Maureen Wijngaarde-Van Dijk, Director (Ag.) and Mrs. Meryll Zeefuik, Health Disaster Coordinator.

In his speech, Mr. Masatoshi Sato highlighted that this project contributes to the development of disaster management as it prepares both students and teachers with the necessary knowledge and training to execute risk reduction techniques in the event of an unforeseeable disaster. Mr. Sato also mentioned, that Japan’s CARICOM policies place the main focus on overcoming vulnerabilities in small island states and low-lying coastal states, with this in mind, the people of Japan intend to stand by this focus of mutual interest and provide support as needed, to the people of all CARICOM member states including Suriname.

The Government of Japan welcomes further opportunities to work with the Government and the people of the Republic of Suriname, all with a view to strengthening the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding which exist between the two countries.

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